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**Claim Amendments:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

maintaining, on a server for each of a plurality of computing systems, data  
specifying which resources are authorized for the computing system;

receiving an identifier associated with a computing system and/or  
computing system user;

using the received identifier to:

obtain corresponding data specifying authorized resources for the  
computing system; and

interrogate the computing system to produce an assessment  
indicating assessing existing hardware and/or software computing system  
resources available on the computing system to develop an assessment;  
and

comparing the authorized resources with the assessment utilizing the  
assessment to identify one or more new resources authorized but not installed on  
the computing system, including at least one of a new application, a software  
update, configuration information, personal information, a configuration setting, or  
a personal setting to enhance the operational capability of the computing system;  
wherein the new application is not preinstalled on the computing system;

receiving the new application; and

automatically modifying the computing system resources based, at least in  
part, on the assessment of the computing system resources by installing the new  
application one or more identified resources.

1           2.     **(Currently Amended)**     A method according to claim 1, wherein  
2     the computing system is provided to the user without the authorized resources  
3     being preinstalled is a communications device.

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5           3.     **(Original)**     A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier  
6     associated with a computing system and/or computing system user is received  
7     from the computing system.

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9           4.     **(Previously Presented)**     A method according to claim 1, wherein  
10    the identifier associated with the computing system and/or computing system user  
11    is received from the computing system and/or a communications device associated  
12    with the computing system user, wherein the communications device is not  
13    coupled directly to the computing system.

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15          5.     **(Previously Presented)**     A method according to claim 4, further  
16    comprising:

17           automatically modifying system resources of the communications device  
18    based, at least in part, on the assessment of the computing system resources.

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20          6.     **(Previously Presented)**     A method according to claim 1, further  
21    comprising :

22           selectively updating certain of the computing system resources based, at  
23    least in part, on the comparison of the assessed computing system resources  
24    against authorized and available computing system resources.

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1           7.     **(Original)**   A method according to claim 1, wherein the computing  
2 system is a communications device, the method further comprising:

3                 assessing communications device resources;

4                 comparing the assessed communications device resources against  
5 authorized and available communications device resources; and

6                 selectively installing, configuring and/or updating one or more  
7 communications device resources based, at least in part, on the assessed  
8 communications resources.

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10           8.     **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 1, wherein  
11 the identifier is received from the computing system and/or a communications  
12 device associated with the computing system user remote from the computing  
13 system, the method further comprising:

14                 automatically modifying communications device resources based, at least  
15 in part, on an assessment of the communications device resources.

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17           9.     **(Original)**   A method according to claim 8, wherein the identifier  
18 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial  
19 number (ESN) of the communications device associated with the user, an  
20 electronic identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number  
21 associated with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing  
22 system.

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24           10.    **(Original)**   A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier  
25 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial

1 number (ESN) of a communications device associated with the user, an electronic  
2 identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number associated  
3 with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

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5 11. (Original) A storage medium comprising a plurality of executable  
6 instructions which, when executed, implement a method according to claim 1.

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8 12. (Original) A server comprising:  
9 a storage device having stored therein a plurality of executable instructions;  
10 and

11 a control unit, coupled to the storage device, to execute at least a subset of  
12 the plurality of executable instructions to implement a method according to claim  
13 1.

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15 13. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:  
16 a storage device to maintain a profile of personal resources specifying, for  
17 each of a plurality of computing systems, which resources are authorized for the  
18 computing system, including an application that is available to authorized users  
19 and is missing from a computing system; and

20 a configuration agent, coupled to the storage device, to:  
21 receive an identifier associated with a the computing system and/or  
22 computing system user;

23 generate an assessment of the current resources of the computing  
24 system;

1                   identify, by comparing the assessment with the authorized resources,  
2                   one or more of the authorized resources which are missing from a computing  
3                   system ; and

4                   automatically configure resources of the computing system to  
5                   include the identified resources ~~application based, at least in part, on an~~  
6                   ~~assessment of the resources of the computing system.~~

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8           14.   **(Previously Presented)**   A server according to claim 13, wherein  
9           an assessment of the computing system resources comprises an assessment of at  
10           least one of an operating system, configuration settings, personalization settings,  
11           Internet settings or application settings on the computing system.

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13           15.   **(Previously Presented)**   A server according to claim 13, wherein  
14           the profile includes a list of identifiers associated with authorized users and the  
15           configuration agent accesses a user profile on the storage device based, at least in  
16           part, on the identifier.

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18           16.   **(Previously Presented)**   A server according to claim 13, wherein  
19           the configuration agent receives the identifier from the computing system and/or a  
20           communications device remote from the computing system associated with the  
21           computing system user.

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23           17.   **(Previously Presented)**   A server according to claim 16, wherein  
24           the configuration agent further automatically modifies communications device  
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1 resources based, at least in part, on an assessment of communications device  
2 resources.

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4 18. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein  
5 the configuration agent is further configured to update the computing system  
6 resources.

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8 19. **(Original)** A server according to claim 13, wherein the identifier  
9 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial  
10 number (ESN) of a communications device associated with the user, an electronic  
11 identifier associated with the computing system, a serial number associated with  
12 one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

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14 20. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein  
15 the storage device includes a plurality of executable instructions, the server further  
16 comprising:

17 a controller, coupled to the storage device, to execute at least a subset of the  
18 plurality of executable instructions to implement an instance of the configuration  
19 agent.

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21 21. **(Currently Amended)** A storage medium comprising a plurality  
22 of executable instructions including at least a subset of which that, when executed,  
23 implement a configuration agent[[, ]]to:

24 maintain, for each of a plurality of computing systems, data specifying  
25 authorized resources for the computing system;

1       conduct an assessment of computing system resources upon receipt of an  
2       identifier associated with the computing system and/or computing system user[[,]]  
3       and to:

4       identify, by comparing the assessment with corresponding data specifying  
5       authorized resources, one or more of the authorized resources which are missing  
6       from the computing system; and

7       automatically download and install on the computing system the missing  
8       authorized resources ~~an application not preinstalled on the computing system, the~~  
9       ~~application being associated with the received identifier based, at least in part, on~~  
10      ~~the assessment of computing system resources.~~

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13       22.   **(Previously Presented)**   A storage medium according to claim 21,  
14       wherein the configuration agent is further configured to update computing system  
15       resources.

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17       23.   **(Original)**   A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein the  
18       configuration agent interrogates the computing system upon receipt of the  
19       identifier to assess computing system resources.

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21       24.   **(Previously Presented)**   A storage medium according to claim 23,  
22       wherein the configuration agent modifies the computing system resources to  
23       include available and authorized resources based, at least in part, on the  
24       assessment of the computing system resources.

1           25.   **(Original)**   A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein the  
2   computing system is a communications device.

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4           26.   **(Previously Presented)**   A storage medium according to claim 21,  
5   wherein the identifier is received from a communications device remote from the  
6   computing system, and wherein the configuration agent automatically modifies  
7   computing system resources and communications device resources based, at least  
8   in part, on assessment of system resources of the computing system and  
9   communications device.

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11          27.   **(Currently Amended)**   A computing system comprising:  
12          a storage device having stored thereon a plurality of executable  
13   instructions;  
14          a network interface, communicatively coupling the computing system to a  
15   network; and  
16          a controller, coupled to the storage device and the network interface, to  
17   execute at least a subset of the plurality of executable instructions to make an  
18   assessment of current hardware and/or software resources of the computing  
19   system, and to implement a basic input/output system (BIOS) to issue a  
20   configuration request to the network via the network interface, the configuration  
21   request based on the assessment and including an identifier associated with the  
22   computing system, wherein the configuration request is configured to cause a  
23   recipient of the request to: ~~the assessment is not initiated by the computing system,~~  
24   ~~and wherein the configuration request includes a request for an application not~~  
25   ~~preinstalled on the computing system~~



1           reference the identifier to access corresponding data specifying  
2           authorized resources associated by the identifier with the computing  
3           system;

4           compare the assessment to the authorized resources to determine one  
5           or more of the authorized resources missing from the computing system;  
6           and

7           provide the missing authorized resources to the computing system  
8           via the network.

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10       28.   **(Original)**   A computing system according to claim 27, wherein  
11   the computing system is an unconfigured computing system.

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13       29.   **(Previously Presented)**   A computing system according to claim  
14   27, wherein the controller receives one or more commands to receive and install  
15   computing system resources from network devices remote from the computing  
16   system via the network interface in response to the configuration request.

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18       30.   **(Original)**   A computing system according to claim 27, wherein  
19   the identifier is associated with the computing system and/or computing system  
20   user.

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22       31.   **(Original)**   A computing system according to claim 27, wherein  
23   the computing system is a communications device.

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2 32. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

3 issuing a configuration request from a computing system, wherein the  
4 configuration request includes an identifier associated with the computing system  
5 and/or computing system user and is configured to cause a recipient of the request  
6 to:

7 generate an assessment of the current computing system resources of  
8 the computing system;

9 reference the identifier to access data specifying authorized  
10 computing system resources associated by the identifier with the computing  
11 system; and

12 compare the assessment to the authorized computing system  
13 resources to determine one or more of the authorized computing system  
14 resources missing from the computing system; and

15 receiving a response to the configuration request at the computing system,  
16 the response including the one or more ~~new~~ computing system resources including  
17 ~~an application not preinstalled~~ missing from the computing system, wherein the  
18 one or more ~~new~~ computing system resources are automatically installed and  
19 configured on the computing system based, at least in part, on an assessment of  
20 ~~current computing system resources of the computing system.~~

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22 33. (Original) A method according to claim 32, wherein the one or  
23 more computing system resources are automatically installed and configured in  
24 response to installation and configuration commands received from a remote  
25 computing system.

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2       34.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 32,  
3 wherein the computing system is a communications device.

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5       35.   **(Original)**   A method according to claim 34, wherein the one or  
6 more system resources enable the communications device to communicate over an  
7 additional communications medium.

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9       36.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 32,  
10 wherein the configuration request is issued from a communications device remote  
11 from the computing system associated with the computing system user, the  
12 method further comprising:

13       receiving a response to the configuration request at the communications  
14 device including one or more computing system resources, wherein the one or  
15 more computing system resources are automatically installed and configured on  
16 the computing system.